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February 24, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SOUTH LOS ANGELES FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM  
REFURBISHMENT OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE HEALTH CENTER  
(SECOND DISTRICT)  
(3 VOTES)**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT YOUR  
BOARD:**

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15301 (a), 15311 (b) and 15332 and under Class 1(d), Class 1(n) and Class 11(f) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Authorize the refurbishment of the former Florence-Firestone Health Center, located at 8019 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, to house the South Los Angeles Family Services Program and establish Capital Project (C.P.) No. 86635.
3. Approve the project budget of \$500,000 for the refurbishment project.
4. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to transfer \$500,000 from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) FY 2003-04 Adopted Budget to C.P. No. 86635 to fund the project.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended actions will establish and fund a capital project to renovate the Florence-Firestone Health Center to house the South Los Angeles Family Services Program, in order to provide services previously provided by the Youth Intervention Program (YIP), a private contractor.

The South Los Angeles Family Services Program provides vital mental health services for children, adolescents, families and adults, including basic outpatient services, intensive day treatment, therapeutic behavioral services, school-based services and CalWORKs services to the community. The vast majority of the children and families served are involved with either the Department of Children and Family Services or the Probation Department and are high-risk families with histories of high utilization of mental health services. In order to meet the special needs of these clients, services are offered anywhere in the community where assistance is needed: at the facility, in homes, and at school sites. The program's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children attend the intensive day treatment program from 1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. These services had been provided by a private contractor until terminated by the Board on November 18, 2003, for convenience. Since that time, these services have been provided by the South Los Angeles Family Services Program, through the DMH. It is anticipated that DMH will provide services for 18 to 24 months, at which time a new provider will be selected through a Request for Proposals process.

As approved in the November 18, 2003 Board action, the CAO was authorized to negotiate a lease to utilize the facility operated by the terminated contractor, or to utilize an alternative site. As we have been unable to negotiate a lease for the previously used property, we have identified the closed Florence-Firestone Health Center, which consists of 9,764 square feet, as a suitable location with some refurbishment.

The scope of the refurbishment includes repair of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, repair and renovation of the roof and building exterior, and an upgrade to the building telecommunications system. The refurbishment work will be done by the Internal Services Department and is expected to be completed within sixty days of completion of design.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan by providing the public with easy access to quality information and services that are both beneficial and responsive; improving the well being of children and families; and providing for continued easy access to services and ensure the well being of children and families.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost for the refurbishment of the Florence-Firestone Health Center for these services is \$500,000, which is funded by the DMH from its FY 2003-04 Adopted Budget. Operating costs for the facility will be covered by redirecting unused funds budgeted for the contract services provided by the YIP.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Florence-Firestone Health Center is a closed health clinic facility owned by the County with no current plans to reopen as a health center.

On November 18, 2003, the Board approved the termination of the agreement between the provider of YIP services and the County. DMH assumed responsibility for the care of clients previously served by the provider until these services can be contracted out through a competitive bidding process. In order to ensure a seamless transition following the termination of YIP's contract, DMH obtained approval to hire the YIP mental health treatment and support staff on temporary County items. The South Los Angeles Family Services Program is continuing the agency's array of services and its unique service delivery model, which includes extended hour programming and crisis availability in the community. The program has been temporarily housed at the Augustus F. Hawkins Mental Health Center, which has negatively impacted service delivery for both programs. It is critical that the program be moved into its own facility so that both programs can resume full service delivery.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Find that the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Sections 15301 (a), 15311 (b) and 15332 and under Class 1(d), Class 1(n) and Class 11(f) of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.


### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

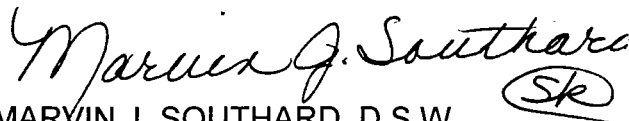

Refurbishment of the facility will enable continuation of the services formerly provided under contract, within the same community.

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
February 24, 2004  
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Upon approval, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return adopted copies of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office – Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Mental Health.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

  
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.   
Director of Mental Health

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S.  
No.

DEPARTMENT OF Mental Health

Feb. 11, 2004

## AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

## ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

South Los Angeles Family Services  
3-Votes

See Attached for Details.

Susan Kerr, Chief Deputy Director

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

FEB 12, 2004

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT  
SOUTH LOS ANGELES FAMILY SERVICES  
FISCAL YEAR 2003-04  
(3 Votes)

SOURCES:

Department of Mental Health Services and Supplies A01-MH-20500-2000	\$500,000
Total	<u>\$500,000</u>

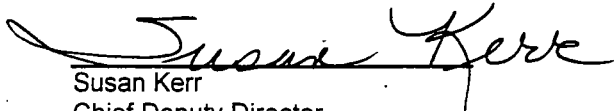
USES:

Capital Projects - Various Rfurb - Florence Firestone A01-CP-86635-6014	\$500,000
	<u>\$500,000</u>

Justification:

This appropriation adjustment reallocates appropriation from the Department of Mental Health to fund the refurbishment of the Florence-Firestone Health Center to provide space for the South Los Angeles Family Services Program.

There is no impact on net County cost.

  
Susan Kerr  
Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Mental Health

(Florence Firestone YIP Refurb)

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